

RELAY OF MAIL TESTIFIED TO IN STRIKE PROBE

Witness Says Postmaster
Locked Office at Hancock
and Went to Calumet
to Enter Parade.

MINERS ARE EAGER
TO RESUME WORK

The Owners, However, Re-
fuse to Employ Members
of the Western Federa-
tion of Miners.

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 24.—Inter-
views to the mail service, one of the
subjects the congressional committee
authorized to investigate in rela-
tion to the copper miners' strike, were
held today, counsel for the
copper mine workers presenting all
witnesses but one. So much time
was consumed that the committee did
not get to the alleged deportation of Charles
Meyer, president of the Western
Federation of Miners.

After two strikers had testified they
were unable to get their mail at Mo-
net's postoffice, on December 10, be-
cause the postmaster had closed the
office and had gone to Calumet to par-
ticipate in the Citizens' alliance parade,
the committee was subpoenaed as the
committee's witness. He said the of-
fice was closed at noon on that date
and mail arriving in the afternoon
was not distributed until the next day.
E. Foley, the postmaster, had shut
the office to march in the parade, he
said.

Mail Was Delayed.
Joseph Dunnigan, who said he had a
contract with the government to carry
the mail to the train at Hancock, testified
on December 17 last, deputies de-
fined mail waiting at the train for two
days by detaining him in a tent.
Dunnigan, a striker, testified that
he was stopped by deputies while
on his way to the postoffice at Hancock
on December 9. On cross-examina-
tion the witness admitted that the road
which he was arrested was on com-
mon ground, but that it was the only
road in general use. He said he was on
his way to mail a letter.

During the end of their case, the
witnesses offered witnesses on subjects
covered. Harry Best of Jack-
son, Mich., testified that he came here
a month ago among a carload of
striking miners to work in Osceola mine,
tried to leave the train at Flint,
Mich. and was prevented by depu-

ties. He said the strikers were
in a guarded house, he said, and
were not permitted to leave. Wit-
nesses said he was assaulted by a trans-
porter and so seriously hurt that he
was in bed for four days. He had the boss
of the mine and the case had not come to
trial.

Several witnesses testified as to al-
leged assaults made upon them by depu-
ties and soldiers. Representatives of
national guards and deputies today to of-
fer evidence in answer to the strike evi-
dence, provided the governor ap-
proved. In the day O. N. Hilton re-
fused the attitude of the miners,
said he was the effect that they de-
clined only to be taken back with-
out examination on account of their
suspicion. In reply A. P. Reed declared
mining companies would never
employ any members of the Western
Federation.

WE WORKERS' CASE CLOSED AT TRINIDAD

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 24.—The United
Workers of America today closed
their case, so far as the Trinidad sec-
tion of the federal investigation of the
coal miners' strike is con-
cerned. The case came
to the end of a day of dramatic develop-
ment. Testimony relative to alleged
corruption in the Trinidad sec-
tion was presented and
the political and personal motives
of the operators was given by
Garner, Dr. Ben B. Benbow and
other witnesses. Mr. Vigil ex-
plained in support of charges made
by miners that elections in Las
Animas county have been
rigged by the operators. He said
that he had received registered
votes from the United States
hospital, where she is held.
The notices were returned, he said,
and I called the hospital by tele-
phone. The sister told me
that the postoffice was closed and
that I could not carry the message with-
out the permission of the military au-
thorities. I met General Chase on the
train and he told me that I would not
be permitted to deliver any mail to
the miners. Some militia officers
were sent to take charge of the let-
ters and to prevent them, but I refused to
obey them.

Pepper Leaves Its Victims Prostrate.
The victims of la gripe never fully
recovered from the health of the lungs, and per-
sonal coughing is weakening. The
action of Foley's Honey and Tar
is valuable in severe la gripe
and P. G. Frere, Bedford, Ind.,
said: "La gripe left me with a se-
vere cough. Foley's Honey and Tar
cured me. I am back to my normal
condition. Schramm-Johnson, drugs
and substitutes," five (5) doz.

Keith-O'Brien Co. UNDERMUSLIN SALE

NEW, FRESH, CRISP UNDERGARMENTS
---BEST QUALITY MATERIALS---
ALL LATE STYLES.

The Most Beautiful Patterns and the Most Perfect Needle-
work, Including Exquisite Trimmings.

UNDERMUSLINS---A most comprehensive stock. Drawers
---counters and tables full---different garments in various styles---and everything
is fresh---everything new this year. Do you know what this means? It means
no shop-worn, out-of-date patterns---no soiled merchandise---nothing undesir-
able. It means that every garment is desirable, clean, pure white, ready for use.

Combinations

A perfect-fitting garment is a source
of satisfaction and enjoyment to every woman.
Quality and workmanship are also considered.
These gowns are bound to please you.

\$1.25—A closed combi-
nation of plain muslin
trimmed with German
val. A combination with
open drawer made of
good quality crepe, neat
embroidery edging, rib-
bon run. Another style
in muslin, with insertion
and edging of German
val.

\$2.25—Nainsook combi-
nations—trimmed with
shadow and Swiss inser-
tions. Ribbon shoulder
strap.

\$3.50—A very attract-
ive combination made of
nainsook. Handsomely
trimmed with round
thread German val. in-
sertion and ribbon run
medallions.

\$5.00—Another style of
combination made of a
beautiful quality nain-
sook, elaborately trimmed
with round thread Ger-
man val. insertion and
lace; also emb. net me-
dallions.

\$6.50—Princess combi-
nation made of very fine
silvery emb., prettily
trimmed with German

val. insertion and edging.
This is an unusually at-
tractive combination for
the price.

Another attractive suit
at \$6.50 in the princess
style with the knicker-
bocker drawer which is
artistically trimmed with
all-over shadow lace and
medallions. The corset
cover is also made of all-
over shadow lace and me-
dallions; finished with
ribbon shoulder straps. It
can be worn in place of
the separate drawer and
camisole.

\$8.75—A princess style
combination of fine nain-
sook. Back and front
trimmed with very effec-
tive embroidered me-
dallions; also has inserts
of German val.; beautifully
finished at top with dain-
ty embroidery beading
and lace. Drawer trimmed
to match top.

All the styles cannot
be mentioned here in de-
tail, but the stocks in-
clude complete assort-
ments of higher priced
garments in muslin, crepe
de chine, china silk, priced
up to \$13.50.

\$1.50—A dainty
gown made of sheer
batiste. Nicely
trimmed with lace.
Full length, 58 inches.
Another gown of
batiste with button-
hole edging. Numer-
ous other attractive
styles, all well made
of good quality ma-
terials. Other gowns
at \$1.75.

\$2.25—A gown
of better quality ba-
tiste, trimmed with
butterfly medallions
and German val. lace
and ribbon. \$2.75—
Another particularly
good value, trimmed
with dainty lace and
ribbon.

Other fine gowns
with the best priced
at \$13.50. Included
are Jap silk, with a
neat edging of heavy
lace, at \$6.50; and
the same style in
crepe de chine for
\$7.75.

At \$4.75—Em-
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of sheer nainsook.
Ribbon run.

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The assortments are large—large enough to suit any
taste. Prices and styles are so numerous that all cannot be
mentioned here. You will find, however, on inspection the
most desirable merchandise at reasonable prices.

The new styles are very interesting. Each garment, of course,
being made to conform with the latest fashions in dress. Each portrays
trimmings daintily put on, as well as perfect needlework.

You will be pleased with this sale. You will like the fine, dainty
garments. The prices will suit you—for they are low—quality consid-
ered. The worthiness of each garment at any price whatsoever war-
rants a successful sale.

Gowns Chemises

Soft, sheer garments of ex-
ceeding daintiness. Each gown a
product of clever needlework; trimmed
with lace and embroideries that give
an air of refined quality.

\$1.50—A dainty
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Full length, 58 inches.
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Princess Slips

95c—A good va-
riety of styles in
muslin—lace and em-
broidered—trimmed—
Specially priced for
this event.

\$1.75—A plain
muslin slip with
neatly button - holed
top and bottom. An
exceptionally good
garment to wear with
linen or heavy-
weight material
dresses.

\$2.25—A neat little
muslin slip with Swiss
embroidery at top and
bottom. At \$2.50—the La
Grecque slip, open front
style, neatly trimmed
German val. lace and in-
sertion. A new style for
the woman who wants a
skirt a little wider than
the average.

\$3.75—Quite elabo-
rate; made of nainsook.
Top is handsomely trim-
med with wide insertion
and lace, ribbon run; two
rows of 2 1/2 inch insertion
and 6-inch lace ruffle at
bottom.

To mention all prin-
cess slips would be impos-
sible. We have many dif-
ferent styles and prices—
going as high as \$19.50.

DRAWERS

The Keith-O'Brien quality is a fea-
ture of this sale. Each garment is as we say
it is. The reasonable prices and good values
will appeal to all women.

50c—Plain muslin
drawers; 2-inch hem,
neatly tucked. Another
of muslin with 3-inch
ruffle and linen lace edg-
ing. A special value.

85c—Various styles
in nainsook and muslin.
All nicely trimmed, some
with embroidery ruffles
and tucks; others with
cluny edging and em-
broidered insertions.

\$1.50—Here are
some good styles in nain-
sook in the knickerbocker
and other styles. Swiss
embroidery insertions, imi-
tation Maltese and rib-
bon trimmings. Excep-
tionally good qualities.

\$3.00—This gar-
ment is made of Swiss
embroidery; round thread
German val. insertion and
ribbon bows.

As in the case of other garments, a
small number of the cheaper garments have
been mentioned. However, prices are up to
\$8.50 and China silk and crepe de chine
chemises are included.

DECLARES AUTOISTS GOOD ROADS ENEMIES

Transcontinental Highways
Characterized as "Lanes
for Joy-riding."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Transcon-
tinentals highways proposed by the Amer-
ican Automobile association were char-
acterized today as "lanes over which the
members of this high-browed, joy-riding
association may strut," by Representa-
tive Shackelford of Missouri, attacking
what he called the "editorial campaign
factory" maintained by the organization
to promote the measures it favored.

With funds the association collected
from its 451 subordinate automobile clubs
and the likes, Mr. Shackelford declared,
a "scurrilous lobby" was maintained in
Washington and the "all-essential long
green" was utilized to light the re-elec-
tion of opponents of motor road bills.
He read a letter from the president of
the association to a member in Kansas
City, Mo., urging that support be with-
drawn from the Shackelford \$25,000,000
good roads bill now before the senate,
having passed the house. The measure
provides for dirt roads in rural free de-
livery districts.

Immediate investigation of Representa-
tive Shackelford's assertions was pro-
posed by Representative Burdick of Mis-
souri. In a resolution introduced as soon
as his colleague finished speaking, "The
resolution, which was referred to a com-
mittee, would provide for a special com-
mittee to investigate what, if any, per-
sons or associations have been engaged
in maintaining a lobby for or against any
particular legislation relating to federal
aid of good roads with any methods in-
volving the collection of funds for im-
proper purposes, and any corrupt attempt
to intimidate members of congress, to
report to the house by June 1.

Mr. Shackelford had mentioned the

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL

Abraham Pepper Kills His Former
Sweetheart and Then Shoots
Himself.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Disap-
pointed in love, Abraham Pepper, of
Tacoma, Wash., called Mrs. Dorothy
Johnson, his former sweetheart and a
bride of a week, into the hall of the
hotel where she was spending her
honeymoon today, shot her dead at her
husband's feet, and then shot himself.
With a bullet in his head, Pepper was
rushed to the Central emergency hospi-
tal, where his chance for recovery
was said to be slight.

Abraham Pepper and F. L. Johnson,
manager of a Tacoma music store,
were rivals for the hand of Miss Dor-
othy Danhauser. Pepper had kept com-
pany with the young woman for five
years, but Johnson was successful and
a week ago he and his bride left Ta-
coma for a honeymoon in California.
Pepper followed and today he called
at Johnson's room. Mrs. Johnson
opened the door and Pepper fired. As
the woman fell to the floor without a
word and while the husband was
rushing toward her assailant, Pepper
shot himself.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 24.—Dorothy
Danhauser Johnson, killed in San Fran-
cisco today, was prominent in north-
west society and musical circles. She
was a singer of ability. Her uncle,
Herman Klobner, was drowned on the
Titanic. His will left her a fortune.
Her wedding here last week was a sur-
prise to her friends.

National Old Trails association of Kan-
sas City, Mo.
Representative Borland said he intro-
duced his resolution in justice to the of-
ficers of this organization men who were
"of very high standing, patriotic and
self-sacrificing."

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

BECKER TO BE FREE; VICTORY SWEEPING

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doubt, he, therefore, was entitled to a
fairer trial than he received.

Reference to Testimony.

Although the court of appeals made
no attempt to pass on the weight of any
of the evidence, nor to fix the status
of any of those alleged to have been
connected with the crime, other than
the five convicted men, it dealt at
length with their testimony.

Regarding Sam Schepps, whom Jus-
tice Goff permitted the jury to find
not an accomplice, the opinion said:
"While the presiding justice per-
mitted the jury to find that Schepps was
not an accomplice of Rose and the
others, and therefore not guilty like
them of the murder of Rosenthal, some
of the members of the court believe
that the finding was opposed to the
overwhelming weight of the evidence."

Another Criticism.

Attention was called to the fact that
Becker never was directly connected
with the crime, but that the testimony
of others, who were jointly suspected,
convicted him. Of the five witnesses,
Luban, Hallen, Rose, Webber and Val-
lon, was said.

One of them, Luban, was pro-
duced for the purpose of the trial
by the criminal authorities of a
neighboring state where he was
confined in jail on some conviction
or charge whereof the nature does
not appear. After being brought
to New York and before going on
the stand this witness, in a man-
ner which we cannot but regard as
suggestive, was given an opportu-
nity for conference with Rose, the

chief witness for the prosecution,
and who was to follow him upon
the stand. Their evidence was en-
tirely harmonious. Another witness,
Hallen, was a degenerate lawyer
and convict who also was tempo-
rarily delivered from jail to be a
witness. In addition to the im-
pugnment of their evidence fur-
nished by their character and by
the direct contradiction of other
witnesses, much of the testimony
of these men is, as it seems to us,
inherently improbable and un-
worthy of belief.

Admitted Their Guilt.

Three of the other witnesses
were Rose, Webber and Valon,
gamblers and law-breakers already
referred to. Undisputedly they
were guilty of the murder of Ros-
enthal. Soon after it occurred
their complicity in hiring the men
who actually killed him was es-
tablished, and there was no ques-
tion that they had forfeited their
lives and were subject to the pun-
ishment of death. But they claimed
the defendant had instigated them
to commit this crime, and by vir-
tue of this claim they procured
from the district attorney with
the consent of the court, as the
stipulation recites, an agreement
in writing giving immunity to
them, conceded murderers, if they
would furnish evidence tending to
convict Becker, who thus far
had only been accused of the
crime.

Other features regarding the testi-
mony which the opinion pointed out
follow:

That none of the witnesses
against Becker was able to fix or
approximate the date of the so-
called Harlem conference at which
it was declared Becker made the
arrangement with Jack Rose and
others to kill Rosenthal.

Testimony in Doubt.

That there is grave doubt if
there was any evidence whatever
to corroborate the testimony of the
six witnesses to the effect that
Becker was an accomplice to the
killing.

That when the so-called Harlem

conference took place Rosenthal had
obtained no attention to his com-
plaints against Becker. This weak-
ens the theory of the prosecution that
because of Rosenthal's complaints
Becker was not sufficiently disturbed
at that time to resort to such de-
perate methods as murder, and yet it
is essential for the state under its
theory to establish that the plan to
murder Rosenthal was formed at this
conference.

That the two chauffeurs who are
said to have carried Rose and his
friends to the Harlem conference
never were produced.

After referring to all of these facts
and circumstances, the opinion went on
to say that in the light of much doubt
existing as to Becker's guilt he certainly
was entitled to the fairest trial pos-
sible.

One Judge Dissents.

All of the seven members of the court
except Judge Werner, who acted as pre-
siding judge when the appeal was ar-
gued, concurred in the prevailing Becker
opinion which was written by Judge
Hiscock. In a dissenting opinion Judge
Werner said in the main the contentions
of the state had been amply proven to
warrant conviction.

The question as to the status of Sam
Schepps, whom the jury in the Becker
case decided was not an accomplice to
the crime, still is unsettled. The pre-
vailing opinion merely said that there
was doubt in the minds of some of the
court as to the propriety of excluding
Schepps as an accomplice.

Of the four gunmen, "Gyp the Blood," "Whitney
Lewis," "Dago Frank" and "Lefty
Louis," was unanimous. They had
averred that the evidence against them
was insufficient to warrant conviction
and also that the court had erred in han-
dling their cases, but these contentions
were held by the court to be groundless.

The date of the execution of the gun-
men will be fixed by the court within a
few days. The law provides that the
date of judgment shall not be deferred
more than six weeks after the judgment
of conviction has been announced.

COMMENT MADE BY
BECKER'S ATTORNEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Joseph A. Shay,
who became Becker's counsel after his
conviction, said this afternoon that he

did not believe Becker would ever be
retried.

"Thank heaven," he said, "that our
highest court will not be a party to a
shameful execution simply to satisfy
a public clamor. I do not believe Becker
will ever be retried. He is innocent and
should go free. If he should be retried,
I have evidence to bring about his ac-
quittal. Rosenthal was killed by worth-
less outlaws who have confessed and are
now at large."

District Attorney Whitman cleverly
worded the immunity agreement with
them so that they can always be called
to account for their horrible deed. Their
act has caused the death of Becker's
child, his mother and his wife's mother,
and I hope that they will receive their
rewards before long."

Mrs. Becker, wife of the former police
lieutenant, received news of the reversal
of the sentence through Shay.

Mrs. Becker, the district at-
torney who brought about the conviction
of Becker and the gunmen, declined to
comment on the decision.

WIFE IS OVERJOYED
AT COURT'S ACTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—"I am the hap-
piest woman in the world," Mrs. Becker
asserted when she was informed of the
reversal by Attorney Shay. Her face was
wreathed in smiles, although her mother
died yesterday.

On hearing of the decision, Mrs. Becker
rushed to the office of her husband's at-
torney, which was crowded with men.
Her eyes fell upon Shay and she ran
through two rooms to reach him, throw-
ing her arms around his neck and kiss-
ing him.

She said she was sure her husband
would never be tried again.

"I wish they would retry him. I want
him to be acquitted of every suspicion,"
she said. "He had absolutely nothing
to do with the killing of Rosenthal. I
want the world to know that he didn't.
He was the victim of a vile conspiracy,
and that should be proved."

Mrs. Becker will be prevented from go-
ing to Ossining tomorrow to see her hus-
band by the funeral of her mother.

Soon after Becker was sent to the
death house, Mrs. Becker returned to
the public school in Harlem, where she
had been before she married the police
lieutenant. She has been teaching there
since.